

Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Frigid weather conditions occurred in many areas last week while wet conditions delayed agricultural activity in several localities along and east of the Front Range. However, some progress was achieved between precipitation events in localities not impacted by rain or snow. Reporters indicated much of the northwest and mountain district was under snow as of last week. Some concerns were expressed over winter wheat winterkill in the northeastern district. Statewide, farmers were allowed 5.0 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT						
	Very Short Short Adequate Surpl					
This Week	7	36	55	2		
Last Week	7	35	57	1		
Last Year	13	27	59	1		

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT						
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus		
This Week	15	33	51	1		
Last Week	15	33	51	1		
Last Year	23	39	38	0		

Row Crops: Corn was 84 percent harvested as of last week, up from 72 percent a week earlier. This is slightly behind 88 percent on average. Seventy-four percent of the sorghum crop was harvested, compared with 80 percent last year and the average of 79 percent. The harvest of sugarbeets was virtually complete by week's

end. The sunflower harvest remains behind average, with 76 percent complete as of last week. A year earlier, 92 percent of the crop was harvested while, on average, 84 percent is harvested by this time.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT						
Week ending November 16, 2014						
	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	Poor					
Winter Wheat						
This Week	0	6	40	41	13	
Last Year	1	4	40	47	8	

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 66 percent fair to good across the State. On average, 56 percent is fair to good.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT Week ending November 16, 2014

	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
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Pasture & Range-2014	5	21	28	38	8
Prev. Year – 2013	18	23	28	29	2
5-Year Avg.	19	23	31	25	2

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light. With no change from last week, stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending November 16, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Corn				
Harvested	84	72	94	88
Sorghum				
Harvested	74	62	80	79
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	95	92	99	98
Sunflowers				
Harvested	76	63	92	84

⁻ Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	1	20	66	13

^{1/} Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.